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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 10 March 2004, in the above-identified patent application, attorney for Applicants respectfully traverses the rejections of claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8-11, 14, 15 and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nobs (US Patent 4,559,480) in view of Havel (US Patent 6,535,186).

Each of these claims recites an assembly comprising at least:

- a display device with a pattern of pixels driven by a control

circuit; and


- an illumination system for providing light to the display device, wherein the illumination system comprises LEDs having different light-emitting wavelengths and driven by the control circuit in dependence on an image to be displayed by the display device.

In Nobs, the fluorescent light emitting elements are themselves the pixels (column 3, lines 33-36) driven by the circuit of Figure 7. There is no separate illumination system for providing light to the pixels in dependence on the image to be displayed, as is claimed by Applicants.

The citation of the additional patents to Streck and Gibbons in rejecting dependent claims 3, 4, 7, 12, 13 and 16 do not overcome the deficiencies in the rejection of the independent claims based on Nobs and Havel.

Reconsideration of the Final Rejection in view of the above comments and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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